

Holliston Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Town Hall . Meeting Room #014

July 12, 2016

7:30 PM

Present: Allen Rutberg, Chair; Ann Marie Pilch, Vice-Chair; Chris Bajdek, Emily Kingston, David Schroder, Rebecca Weissman, Commissioners

Charles Katuska, Conservation Agent
Sheri O'Brien, Conservation Assistant

Absent: None

Dr. Rutberg, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:38 P.M.

General Business

Notice of Violation for DEP File No. 185-725: 36 Kingsbury Drive (Lot 28R) - J. Gerber

- Upon site inspection, it was found that the As-Built Plan was not in compliance with the Record Plan dated May 20, 2016 from the Amended Order of Conditions (#2).
- A fence and lawn surrounding the pool was constructed outside the limit of work and into the 100qvernal pool buffer zone. This was not approved in the original Order of Conditions (OoC), OoC Amendment #1, or OoC Amendment #2.
- Mr. Gerber was present and explained that the area had been cleared by the previous owner, so he had it cleaned up (with his rationale being that it was for safety reasons with his 4 children). Then, it was fenced in and lawn was added. He believed that since the pool was approved in the 100qwetlands buffer zone (BZ), then the fence and lawn were also approved in the 100qvernal pool BZ.
- The Commission explained how important the vernal pool buffer zone is to the cycle of life for the species here.
- The Commission would like portions of the fence to be moved outside the 100qvernal pool buffer zone, and vegetation restoration outside the fence.
- A retaining wall alongside the septic system was not integral to the Board of Health's approval; therefore, the Commission did not request that it be added to the property even though it was on the approved plan. Per the OoC, any changes to the approved plan and the OoC need to be approved by the Commission before they are made.
- The Commission would like bounds installed along the 100qvernal pool buffer zone line.
- The fence will be moved (or removed) back to the previous limit of work at the 100qvernal pool buffer zone.

- Mr. Gerber would like to discuss other possible options with GLM Engineering and will come back in 2 weeks to update the Commission on progress.

Public Meetings and Hearings

****New Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-571: 44 Exchange Street (Assessors Map 8F, Block 2, Lot 29)** proposed replacement septic system - *Paul Saulnier/CIVILized Solutions* representing *John Gagnon Home Improvements*

Present for the applicant: Paul Saulnier, CIVILized Solutions

Mr. Katuska read the legal notice that was published in the *MetroWest Daily News* on July 5, 2016.

- Mr. Saulnier presented a plan dated June 28, 2016.
- The entire property is within the 100 year flood plain (bordering land subject to flooding - BLSF)
- It is a fast Geo-Flow system; therefore, it will only be one foot above the original grade which is much lower than a traditional septic system, so there will be less incursion into the flood plain depth-wise.
- It was pointed out that several other septic systems have been installed in this flood plain area and Mr. Saulnier believed that no flood plain compensation was required.
- The previous owner of this property donated the back portion of the property to the Fire Department for their septic system.
- Mr. Saulnier will provide the number of cubic feet of flood plain for the Commission and return in two weeks.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to continue the hearing for D-571: 44 Exchange Street to July 26, 2016. Mr. Lively seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

Continued Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-568: 112 Lake Shore Drive (Assessors Map 5A, Block 1, Lot 244) proposed landscaping - *Adalton Sales/Dalto Construction, Inc.*

- The Agent met with Mr. Sales today and indicated the appropriate locations for two concrete bounds. Mr. Sales installed the markers today and e-mailed photos of the bounds to the Commission's office.
- Mr. Sales will retain ownership and rent the house for the near future.

Ms. Kingston made a motion to continue the public meeting for RFD #D-568: 112 Lake Shore Drive to July 26, 2016. Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

****New Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-572: 56 Paul Road (Assessors Map 4, Block 4, Lot 12) proposed replacement septic system - Paul Saulnier/CIVILized Solutions representing Steven Rogers**

Present for the applicant: Paul Saulnier, CIVILized Solutions

Mr. Katuska read the legal notice that was published in the *MetroWest Daily News* on July 5, 2016.

- Mr. Saulnier presented a plan dated June 6, 2016.
- This property backs up to Hopping Brook and its associated wetlands that flow south and under Route 16/Washington Street (in the location where Rte. 16 tends to flood).
- The existing tank will be removed and filled.
- The Board of Health (BoH) indicated that the flood plain comes up to about the front edge of the house and does not extend into the leaching field.
- A new deck on Sonotubes and handicap ramp will be added to the north side of the house.
- No heavy equipment for deck or ramp construction.
- No stockpiling.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to continue the RFD #D-571: 56 Paul Road. Ms. Kingston seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

****New Public Meeting - Request for Determination of Applicability for #D-573: 71 Cold Spring Road (Assessors Map 6, Block 2, Lot 141) proposed deck & addition to existing single-family home . Joyce Hastings/GLM Engineering Consultants representing Dave McGowan.**

Present for the applicant: Chris Gaboriault, GLM Engineering

Mr. Katuska read the legal notice that was published in the *MetroWest Daily News* on July 5, 2016.

- Mr. Gaboriault presented a plan dated May 17, 2016.
- The existing tank and pump chamber will need to be moved in order to build the deck and addition.
- Project access will be from the road along the west side of the house and into the back yard.
- It appears that a small specimen tree will need to be removed for project access.
- There will not be any stockpiling.
- The tank and pump chamber will be the same size.
- Portions of the deck and septic tank will be in the 50' buffer zone; however, all work will be done in the existing lawn and landscaped backyard.
- The applicant's representative agreed to four conditions.

Mr. Bajdek made a motion to issue the following Determinations for RFD #D-573: 71 Cold Spring Road:

Positive #2A Determination: the boundaries of the wetland resource areas are confirmed as accurate;

Positive #5 Determination: the work is subject to review by the Holliston Conservation Commission pursuant to the Holliston Wetlands Administration ByLaw (Article XXX); and

Negative #3 Determination: the work is within the Buffer Zone, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act, therefore, the work does not require a Notice of Intent (with 4 conditions).

Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

General Business Continued

Vote on Order of Conditions for DEP File #185-813: 78 Union Street - J. Hastings/GLM representing J. & J. Sutherland

A draft Order was reviewed with 45 special conditions.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to approve and issue the Order of Conditions for DEP File #185-813: 78 Union Street. Ms. Kingston seconded the motion. Ms. Weissman and Mr. Lively abstained. The motion passed as drafted and edited. (3-0-2)

Corrected Certificate of Compliance for DEP File No. 185-401 - 6 Cassandra Lane - Sherr

The Commission signed the Corrected Certificate of Compliance. The book and page number for the original Order of Conditions were listed incorrectly back in 2000 when the Certificate was originally issued.

Informal Discussion - 51 Charles Street septic system - P. Saulnier & E. Dickinson/CIVILized Solutions

- Mr. Saulnier presented information regarding the benefits of a F.A.S.T. GeoFlow system vs. a typical residential septic system.
- The neighboring home also has a F.A.S.T. GeoFlow septic system.
- It needs to be determined if the septic system will be in the flood plain. Mr. Saulnier will do further research into the flood plain area and return with calculations, if necessary.

Enforcement Order for DEP File No. 185-738: Lot 5C (aka Lot 36) Old Cart Path - Constitution Village LLC

- A hole was dug in the ground to access water to %water+their plantings.

- The hole has now been filled in.
- They have now submitted an application to the BoH for a new watering+well with 3 proposed locations.

Discussion: Pulte New England's Washington Hills (Holliston Woods) & Brooksmont Conservation Restrictions

- Pulte is willing to consider public access to the western section of the open space adjacent to the Town's Conservation Land along the rail trail.
- Mr. Mastroianni offered a \$1,000 donation to the Brooksmont Farm open space maintenance fund.
- It needs to be clarified if this donation would be for the Brooksmont Farm Homeowner's Association or another entity.
- Need to determine the average cost of an annual monitoring and a fee should be paid each year, not just a one-time fee.

Warren Woods Management Plan & Conservation Restriction

The Conservation Restriction is at Mass Audubon's for review.

Commission Officer Rotation

The Commission agreed to change positions on August 23rd with Chris Bajdek as Chair, and Emily Kingston as Vice-Chair.

Ms. Buttaro will be invited to come in on July 26, 2016 for the Commissioner opening.

Vote on Draft Meeting Minutes:

- 6/28/16
- 2012 Minutes - 7/10/12, 7/24/12, 8/7/12, 9/4/12, 9/18/12, 10/2/12
- **6/28/16**
Ms. Pilch made a motion to approve the minutes as edited for the June 28, 2016 meeting. Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. Mr. Lively and Mr. Bajdek abstained. The motion passed (4-0-2)
- **2012 Minutes - 7/10/12, 7/24/12, 8/7/12, 9/4/12, 9/18/12, 10/2/12**
No action taken on 2012 minutes as the Commissioners requested more time to review them.

Review Conservation Agent Candidate Resumes

The following Agent candidates will be invited in for interviews at a Special Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on July 19, 2016:

- Michele Flew Grenier
- Mary S.C. Overholt
- Kristin R. Anicito O'Brien
- Michelle Coombs

Review Correspondence

An invoice for \$1,000 for TetraTec's peer review of 16 Fruit Street was signed by the Commission.

At 10:07 PM, Ms. Kingston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Weissman seconded the motion. Unanimous. (6-0-0)

The next Conservation Commission meetings will be:

- ∞ **Tuesday, July 19, 2016** at 7:30 PM; Lower Level Meeting Room #014, Special Meeting
- ∞ **Tuesday, July 26, 2016** at 7:30 PM; Lower Level Meeting Room #014
- ∞ **Tuesday, August 9, 2016** at 7:30 PM; Lower Level Meeting Room #014